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Sir:

This is not submitted as a substantive, complete response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2003 in respect to the above-identified patent application with a period for response set to expire on May 11, 2003.

A Petition and Fee for a one month extension of time is enclosed which brings the date for a complete response to June 11, 2003.

This paper should be entered since it addresses formal matters, by eliminating the objectionable multiple claim dependencies, thereby eliminating one of the issues for appeal and hence simplifying the issues for an appeal, in the event an appeal is taken, in lieu of the filing of a request for continued prosecution and/or a continuation application.

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